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Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of attacking a screening algorithm, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:
 - identifying content to be downloaded;
 - partitioning the content into at least two sections wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration which is less than a threshold duration value assigned by the screening algorithm; and
 - subjecting the partitioned content to the screening algorithm.
2. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein the screening algorithm is a Secure Digital Music Initiative screening algorithm.
3. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein the screening algorithm relies on a sampling of data contained within the content.
4. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein the content is downloaded from the Internet.
5. (Currently amended) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~
 - writing the content to a memory device subsequent to the content being subjected to and passing the screening algorithm.

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6. (Currently amended) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~

restoring the integrity of the content by reassembling the sections subsequent to the sections passing through the screening algorithm.

7. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein a duration of each of the at least two sections is in the range of about 0.1 seconds to about 1.5 seconds.

8. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein the content is subjected to the screening algorithm one section at a time.

9. (Currently amended) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~

determining whether all of the sections of content have passed through the screening algorithm.

10. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 wherein

the sections of content are combined in groups prior to being subjected to the screening algorithm.

11. (Original) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 10 wherein

the sections of content are randomly combined in groups.

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12. (Currently amended) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~

shuffling the sections of content prior to the sections being subjected to the screening algorithm.

13. (Currently amended) The method of attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~

creating a table of contents relating to the order of the sections of content.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus for attacking a screening algorithm comprising:

a processing device having a processor and a memory,

the processor being configured ~~for to~~

identifying content to be downloaded, ~~and for~~

partitioning the identified content into at least two sections, wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration which is less than a duration of a threshold duration value assigned by the screening algorithm, and
subjecting the partitioned content to the screening algorithm.

15. (Original) An article of manufacture for attacking a screening algorithm, the article comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

identifying content to be downloaded;

partitioning the content into at least two sections, wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration which is less than a duration of a threshold duration value assigned by the screening algorithm; and

subjecting the partitioned content to a screening algorithm.